



2006 Michigan Youth Horse Racing PROGRAM OVERVIEW

“Bringing yesterday’s tradition of horse racing back to our youth”




Established in 2001, the Michigan Youth Horse Racing Program enables youth, ages 10 – 19 (as of Jan 1st of current year), to participate in the thrill and excitement of Michigan’s horse racing industry.

The program was founded around the importance of skillful, high-quality horsemanship, and the tradition of horse racing. Through this program, youth serve as representatives of Michigan’s horse racing industry and play a key role in showing community members, government officials, and industry people the importance of racing to our State.




The program has awarded over \$32,000 in purse money and prizes to almost 400 participants since 2001.

Youth races are held at county fairs throughout the State of Michigan. Winners are eligible to participate for the overall championship. The championship race is hosted at a premier Michigan race track.




PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

-  Stimulate interest in Michigan Horse Racing
-  Educate youth about the horse racing industry
-  Enhance youth involvement with livestock




RACING OVERVIEW

-  Youth races are held at fairs throughout the State
-  Winners are eligible to participate for the championship
-  Championship races are hosted at a premier Michigan race track



RACING SPECIFICS

-  5 or less riders per race heat
-  Walking start
-  Races are held on the straight-away in front of the grandstand




ELIGIBILITY

-  Participants must be certified
-  Youth must be between 10 and 19 years of age – as of Jan 1st
-  Two years of riding experience is required

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

-  Helmets and rider safety vests must be worn by participants
-  Safety equipment is provided by the State of Michigan

CERTIFICATION CLINICS





-  Certification clinics are held prior to the race
-  Each race participant and horse team must be certified in the current race year
-  Riders are certified on their ability to safely handle their horse



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ENTRY PROCESS & REQUIREMENTS

-  Complete Participant Information & Emergency Form and Sign Liability Waiver
-  Pay entry fee (\$15.00)
-  Provide current negative Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins) test papers
-  Provide certification card

RACE LOCATIONS IN 2006

-  Lake Odessa Civic & Agricultural Association fair– Lake Odessa
June 26, 2006 - Certification Clinic @ 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
June 26, 2006 - Youth Horse Race @ 7:30 p.m.
-  Isabella County Youth & Farm Fair – Mt. Pleasant
July 25, 2006 - Certification Clinic @ 6:00 p.m.
August 5, 2006 - Youth Horse Race @ 4:30 p.m. (Following Live Racing)
-  Iosco County Agricultural Society fair – Hale
July 24, 2006 - Certification Clinic @ 12:00 p.m.
July 27, 2006 - Youth Horse Race @ 4:00 p.m.
-  Marquette County Fair – Marquette
August 10, 2006 - Certification Clinic @ 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
August 10, 2006 - Youth Horse Race @ 7:00 p.m.
-  Dickinson County Fair – Norway (Pending response)
-  Championship Race – Mt. Pleasant Meadows
Registration @ 7:00 a.m. – Racing @ 9:00 a.m.

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